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News worth sharing.

Stupid, but not criminal

► OPP has conducted interviews, but wouldn't say if those in the costume had been spoken to ► 'Behaviour is not condoned': Royal Canadian Legion president

A Ku Klux Klan costume awarded first prize at a Halloween party at a Royal Canadian Legion was "poor judgment," but not criminal, police said yesterday. A man dressed in a KKK robe, complete with hood and a Confederate flag on his

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► Photos of the costume were splashed across websites and TV broadcasts.

back, led another man in blackface around by a rope tied in a noose around his neck at the Halloween party in Campbellford, Ont., Saturday night. A witness said the act was awarded top honours.

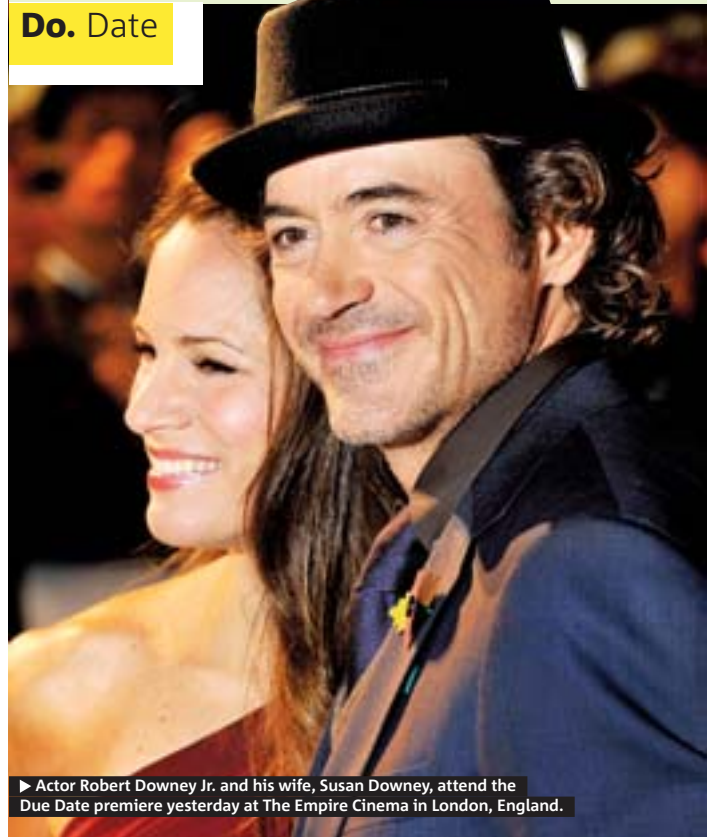
Ontario Provincial Police Const. Chris Dewsbury said police received a complaint and launched an investigation. So far, it seems unlikely criminal charges will be laid, but the investigation is ongoing, Dewsbury said.

"At the present time it would appear that this is simply a case of poor judgment involving the selection of a Halloween costume and there's no basis to suggest that a criminal offence has taken place," he said.

Legion branch president Joy Herrington issued a statement Tuesday saying she apologizes and the events at the party in no way reflect the views of the eastern Ontario legion branch or its members.

Patricia Varga, Dominion president of the Royal Canadian Legion, said in a statement from Ottawa that she "sincerely regrets" the incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Do. Date



► Actor Robert Downey Jr. and his wife, Susan Downey, attend the Due Date premiere yesterday at The Empire Cinema in London, England.

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Not just a night out at the movies

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Pearson a ticking target for terrorists?

► At least 50 courier companies operate at airport ► 65 passenger airlines also transport some cargo

The senator who chaired the standing committee on national security and defence says it's not a question of whether a terrorist could get a bomb in the cargo hold of a plane at Pearson — it's when.

In an interview, Liberal Senator Colin Kenny says there is a "huge" problem with the handling of outgoing cargo at Pearson International Airport, despite a \$26-million training program paid for by Transport Canada.

That money went to train couriers at major airports across Canada to inspect their own company's packages, which Kenny likens to "passengers screening their own luggage. The assumption is that they will do it right, that they are honest, and that they aren't working for terrorists or are terror-

"I would feel a lot more comfortable if someone who didn't have a direct interest with moving the cargo through swiftly was doing the inspecting."

LIBERAL SENATOR COLIN KENNY

ists themselves," he said.

Kenny, who chaired the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence through the tumultuous years after 9-11 until the Conservatives took power, thinks a third party, such as Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, which is responsible for passenger and baggage security, should be screening outgoing packages.

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► A Fed Ex cargo handler sorts and stacks packages at Pearson airport.

Chemical leak disrupts zone

A chemical leak from a factory in the Chemical Court and Coronation Drive area temporarily shut down the Scarborough industrial zone yesterday morning.

The leak, reported around 11:05 a.m., created a cloud of sulphuric acid vapour, said Toronto fire Capt. Mike Strapko.

An 8 km/h wind carried a chemical odour northeast of the leak location, he added.

Businesses in the sur-

Timeline

- 11:05 a.m. Leak reported.
- 12:30 p.m. Source of the leak capped and the cloud begins dissipating.
- 1:15 p.m. Firefighters clear area and workers allowed to return to businesses.

rounding area were evacuated.

"We requested three TTC buses to shelter people in. They were moving

people who are in the affected area onto Coronation Street," Strapko said.

Sulphuric acid is described as highly corrosive and toxic, Toronto police Const. Wendy Drummond said. However, no injuries were reported.

The TTC later resumed regular service on the 86D Scarborough and 54A Lawrence buses, which had been temporarily diverted due to the leak.

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News in brief

Early bird may catch a Ferrari

LOTTERY. The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation's early bird deadline in its Welcome Home Sweepstakes is tonight. Purchasers must get their tickets by midnight to be eligible to win a 2010 Ferrari California worth more than \$300,000. Each tick-

et is also eligible to win more than 29,000 prizes including a \$3.6-million Oakville showhome by Lynda Reeves. Tickets can be ordered by calling 1-866-631-1234 or at HelpConquerCancer.ca.

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Liaison College

CORRECTION. Liaison College was incorrectly identified in a story in Tuesday's Metro. The college's website is liaisoncollege.com. Metro regrets the error.



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Ryerson. Gould



► Ryerson Theatre students entertain a crowd with a live street performance of Clowns on Gould at Ryerson University in Toronto yesterday.

Clowning around in the middle of the street

Ryerson University is trying to get part of Toronto's downtown core within the university campus designated for pedestrian use.

It's the time of the season for dumping

► Journalist analyzes Facebook breakups by date

Spring Break and mid-December are peak times for getting out of relationships, according to Facebook.

An analysis of 10,000 Facebook status updates for the words and phrases "breakup" and "broken up" by British journalist and designer David McCandless revealed strong patterns in when people dump or get dumped.

McCandless stumped an audience at a TED conference of thinkers and inventors by asking: "What rises twice a year, once in Easter and then two weeks before

Can't take a joke?

► There is another, as yet unexplained, spike in break-ups on April Fool's Day.

Christmas, has a mini-peak every Monday and flattens out over the summer?"

The wrong answers: "Chocolates." "Shopping." "Time off work."

His graphic also shows that Christmas Day ("Who would do that?) and August are the least likely times for a breakup, at least by Facebook users, of whom Face-

book says there are 480 million.

Divorce lawyers have long known that Feb. 15 is prime time for new clients. And snopes.com, the myth-busting website, has declared January the peak time to end relationships.

McCandless saw other patterns of human wreckage: A "clearing out for Spring Break" that starts building on Valentine's Day and peaks in early March; a desire to be "single over the summer;" and a sober second thought come Monday.

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Ontario doesn't pick up call for health warnings

Ontario is hanging up on a call to slap health warning labels on all cellphones sold in the province.

NDP health critic France Gelinás introduced a private member's bill yesterday that would require a sticker on every cellphone warning of an increased risk of cancer.

The government promptly indicated it would not support the move.

Cellphone manufacturers already include warnings in owner's manuals stating that not using approved holsters could cause the device to exceed radio frequency exposure standards, which could "present a risk of serious harm."

But the companies bury the health warning so deep inside the manual, and in print so small, most



► France Gelinás

people never see it, said Gelinás.

"You really have to be dedicated to read the manual," she said.

Health Promotion Minister Margaret Best said all the best scientific advice she's seen says there are no health risks associated with cellphone use.

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Health risks

► Health Canada, on its website, says the radio frequency energy from cellphones and cellphone towers poses no confirmed health risks.

► The agency cautions, however, "that some scientists have reported cellphone use may cause changes in brain activity, in reaction times, or in the time it takes to fall asleep, but these findings have not yet been confirmed."

► Professor Magda Havas of Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., said there are a lot of studies and evidence showing negative health effects of radiation from cellphones, including cancers in the brain, eyes, ears and face.

Alleged voyeur charged

Toronto police have arrested a man accused of peering through windows at student residences.

Erik Villumsen, 26, allegedly looked through windows of residences at Humber College and the Mississauga campus of University of Toronto. Police allege Villumsen also used binoculars to look at women getting undressed, and that on two occasions tried to photograph them.

He is also accused of using a hidden camera to tape under women's skirts at the Eaton Centre.

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Cops seek sex assault suspect

Police are searching for a suspect after a 13-year-old girl was sexually assaulted after school in east-end Toronto.

Investigators say the girl was walking in Knob Hill Park near Brimley Road and Eglinton Avenue East around 3:30 p.m. Tuesday when she was approached by a man and sexually assaulted. She was later taken to Sick Kids Hospital.

Police describe the suspect as a black male between 17 and 19, about 5-foot-6 and 150 to 169 pounds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keep credit out of home insurance, brokers say

Ontario's insurance brokers want the government to outlaw the use of credit scores to set home insurance premiums.

The Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario says about half of the big insurance companies are using credit scores instead of just risk assessment to set premiums or even to deny coverage. Spokesman Bryan Yetman says the province banned the use of credit scoring to set auto insurance premiums five years ago.

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If your nose rivals Rudolph's, drop those keys

► 3,800 Operation Red Nose volunteers offered rides to 5,340 people last year in effort to prevent drunk driving

The Halloween sugar high lingers but the holiday party season has already begun with the official kickoff yesterday of Operation Red Nose — a volunteer program that sees revellers and their cars safely home after a night on the town.

Many people say the reason they risk driving home after drinking is because they don't want to leave their cars behind.

Operation Red Nose volunteers travel in groups of three, escorting the partner and pulling his or her vehicle right into the driveway, all for free.

Red Nose volunteers, many corporate groups

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BRIAN PATTERSON,
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and in some cases local politicians, take calls to escort people home from about 7 p.m. to 2 or 3 a.m. during the holiday season. The phone numbers and dates the service is available are listed on the Ontario Safety League's website.

Red Nose operates in 12 Ontario communities including Bolton, Brampton, Burlington, Newmarket and Aurora in the Toronto area. Most programs run in towns where local bus services and taxis are limited.

This year the Red Nose mascot, Rudy the reindeer, will also be riding the Rocket to heighten awareness that transit is the better way when you've been celebrating, said Brian Patterson of the Ontario Safety League, which runs the program with the Insurance Bureau of Canada and other partners.

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TTC. Rush hour



► Throngs of people wait for shuttle buses at the Woodbine subway station yesterday.

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Water main causes chaos

Commuters taking the subway in Toronto yesterday morning were having to ride packed buses on a section of the Bloor-Danforth line. Officials said there was no service between Broadview and Woodbine stations for the rush hour due to a broken water main at Greenwood station. Seven subway stations were affected in total.

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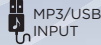
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Expect Gardiner closures

More Gardiner Expressway lane closures are scheduled for the next few days. Tonight, westbound lanes of the expressway will be closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning for bridge work.

Lanes will be closed from Spadina Avenue to the Humber River.

On Saturday, eastbound lanes of the Gardiner Expressway will be closed from the

Humber River to Spadina beginning 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. on Sunday.

There will be intermittent closures of westbound lanes from Spadina to the Humber River from 11 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday and again from 11 p.m. Monday to 5 a.m. Tuesday. At least one westbound lane will remain open for traffic on these two nights.

The work is part of the ongoing reconstruction of three bridges at Lake Shore Boulevard West and Jameson Avenue. The project began in May and is expected to be completed by November 2011.

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Murder suspect nabbed in S. Korea

A man wanted on a first-degree murder charge in a 2007 homicide in Toronto is in custody in South Korea.

Toronto police say

Sang-Woo Ye, 29, surrendered to Korean authorities and is being held for an extradition hearing.

Khong Duy Nguyen, 33, was fatally shot during a home invasion at a marijuana grow-op on May 9, 2007, and dropped off at an EMS station.

Four others have been arrested since Nguyen's slaying and also face first-degree murder charges.

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Ontario law is the pits for Dog Whisperer

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



► Cesar Millan — the "Dog Whisperer" — during an appearance in Toronto earlier this week.

► Millan's pooch didn't come along to tour stops in this province

There are some canine conundrums even the Dog Whisperer can't solve.

Celebrated dog trainer Cesar Millan wasn't allowed to bring his beloved sidekick and constant companion, Junior, into Ontario because the province has banned pit bulls.

Millan's staff, dog lovers and even opposition politicians tried to convince the government to let the three-year-old mutt off his legislative leash.

But Attorney General Chris Bentley made it clear yesterday: Junior is still in the doghouse.

"It was a very difficult decision," Bentley said.

The Liberal government banned the dogs five years ago, saying the breed was too dangerous.

On his popular reality TV show, Millan often espouses his belief that dogs are not

"I have a dog myself and she's a part of the family. But we heard many complaints from the people in the province ... So we had to take steps."

CHRIS BENTLEY,
ONTARIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

inherently bad; it's humans who often influence their behaviour. Millan became famous for rehabilitating aggressive dogs on the show — often with three-year-old Junior's help.

He even advertised the pooch's participation in his cross-Canada speaking tour, calling him an "ambassador" who brings "calm and balance" to dogs who need help. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Doctor loses licence after sex with patient

► Man must also pay \$13,130 for victim's therapy and a fine of \$10,950 to College of Physicians and Surgeons

A Toronto-area doctor who had a romantic relationship with a patient has lost his medical licence — the third time the family practitioner has been penalized for sexual improprieties as a physician.

Dr. Larry Scott Henderson, 60, lost his registration yesterday after a disciplinary board found that the doctor-patient relationship he had with one woman included sexual intercourse.

In July, a disciplinary committee made a finding of professional misconduct against the Whitby doctor.

"They found that he had sexually abused a third patient," said Kathryn Clarke,

5-year wait

► Dr. Larry Scott Henderson must wait five years to apply to have his licence reinstated, and would have to satisfy the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario that there would be no repeat of his actions, said spokeswoman Kathryn Clarke.

a spokeswoman from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Although the relationship was consensual, it still represents sexual abuse under the college's rules.

Henderson had been disciplined by the college on

two other occasions for "disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional conduct."

In 2004, Henderson received a three-month suspension after it was revealed he had a romantic relationship with a former patient who he had under his care between 1990 and 1995. He promised to take a course on maintaining boundaries with patients.

The following year, he faced another hearing after making remarks of a "sexual nature" to a patient in 1984, and kissing the woman and fondling her breasts in an examination room several years later.

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Restaurateurs go up the hill

► Toronto establishment owners calling on federal government for compensation from G20-related damages

Toronto restaurateurs are calling for compensation for losses suffered during the G20 summit last June.

Representatives of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association are to appear before a

Commons committee in Ottawa today.

The association says it'll be asking the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security for fair compensation for restaurants hurt during

the G20 summit of world leaders.

The group says it's also calling for an expansion of the zone eligible for compensation, as well as compensation for restaurants forced to close due to fear

of safety risks.

The group says a survey of downtown restaurants indicates more than 90 per cent of respondents saw a significant sales decrease during the summit — which drew huge crowds

of protesters.

The association says 234 restaurants replied to its survey with downtown restaurants reporting an average sales drop of 55 per cent, while 51 per cent closed during the summit

due to safety concerns.

Stan Jeong, manager of a downtown Fran's restaurant, estimated his losses at about 50 per cent and \$1,000 for a window broken by passing protesters.

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Province, feds to sell shares in GM

Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says the federal and Ontario governments will sell about 30 million of their shares in General Motors.

He says Ontario's allocation is one third of those shares, which are expected to fetch between \$26 and \$29 each in an initial public offering expected later this month.

He made the remarks today after GM announced the price range in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

GM also says it has split its shares three-for-one in advance of the IPO.

Duncan says even if Canadians don't recoup all the cash they sunk into GM, it's still a good investment because it saved jobs and the automaking industry in Ontario.

General Motors and its Canadian subsidiary were nearly felled last year by the economic downturn,

\$10.5B

Amount loaned to General Motors by both the federal and Ontario governments after GM filed for U.S. bankruptcy protection. Ottawa took an eight per cent stake in the automaker and the province took four per cent.

which compounded years of losses at the automaker.

It survived by filing for bankruptcy protection in the United States and restructuring its operations with the help of billions of dollars in aid from governments both in Canada and the United States.

GM Canada shed about 2,600 jobs with the closure of a truck plant in Oshawa last year. It also shut down a transmission plant in Windsor this year, affecting more than 1,000 workers.

GM Canada currently employs more than 9,000 people at two assembly plants and two parts plants in southern Ontario.

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► Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says the province will sell shares in GM.

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Ottawa leaves Toronto man in legal limbo

► Refugee, 53, denied status because he fought regime
in Burma ► Critics say Tory bill dooms many others

Ler Wah Lo Bo fought
against the autocratic
regime in Burma, fled the
country and received asy-
lum in Canada in 2002.

But Ottawa says it has
not finalized his perman-
ent-status application be-
cause he fought against his
former country.

The Toronto man has
been left in a legal limbo,
unable to become a full-
fledged citizen, denied the
right to travel abroad and,
worse, unable to sponsor
his family to join him.

The plight of Lo Bo, a
53-year-old Karen, high-
lights what critics say will
happen to many legitimate
refugees under a federal
bill aimed at cutting hu-



► Ler Wah Lo Bo says
his plight feels like
house arrest.

man smuggling.

Under the proposed leg-
islation, refugees could
spend up to a year in de-
tention while their refugee
claim is being processed.

They could be subject to
a five-year ban on leaving

the country or sponsoring
families, even after their
claim is approved.

Advocates and refugee
lawyers say the proposed
law will further penalize
refugees, including those
being smuggled, rather
than punish those doing
the smuggling.

This week Lo Bo's
lawyer, Paul Copeland, filed
an application to the
Federal Court of Canada to
force Ottawa to make a de-
cision.

"(Lo Bo's) presence is
not detrimental to Cana-
da," said Copeland. "There
is no reason why it takes
so long for the minister to
make a decision."

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Q & A

'MID-TERM ELECTION ON STEROIDS'

The Democrats suffered a devastating defeat in the U.S. mid-term elections Tuesday. The Republican party gained 60 seats in the House of Representatives and will now form the majority. Metro World sat down with Jennifer Duffy for a Q & A on the results.

Were there any surprises?
The sheer number of House seats captured by the Republicans. No party has gained this many seats in the House since 1938. But Republicans in the Senate didn't do as well. It was easy to nominate a tea party candidate in the primaries, but the general electorate thought the tea party candidates were too conservative.

Who are the biggest losers?
Nancy Pelosi is the biggest loser because the Democrats lost so badly. But she'll probably be able to stay on as a minority leader in the House,

simply because Democrats who could have challenged her lost their seats.

Will it change U.S. politics?
It was a mid-term election on steroids, and the results are a very mixed bag for the tea party movement. They'll be a major player in the Republican presidential contest, but they won't have the punch they had before the election. And remember that one election does not a trend make.

How will the result affect U.S. President Barack Obama?
Voters are very unhappy with what's being done. Obama's agenda isn't bad, but he will have to re-engineer it. But the election outcome is not a bad thing for the president. Now he no longer bears sole responsibility for what happens in the country. ● ELISABETH BRAW

Why can't we be friends?

► Republicans, U.S. president under pressure to compromise after mid-term elections ► 'It won't be easy,' Obama says ► U.S. unemployment at 9.6%

A chastened U.S. President Barack Obama signalled a willingness to compromise with Republicans on tax cuts and energy policy yesterday, one day after his party lost control of the House and suffered deep Senate losses in mid-term elections.

Obama ruefully called the Republican victories "a shellacking."

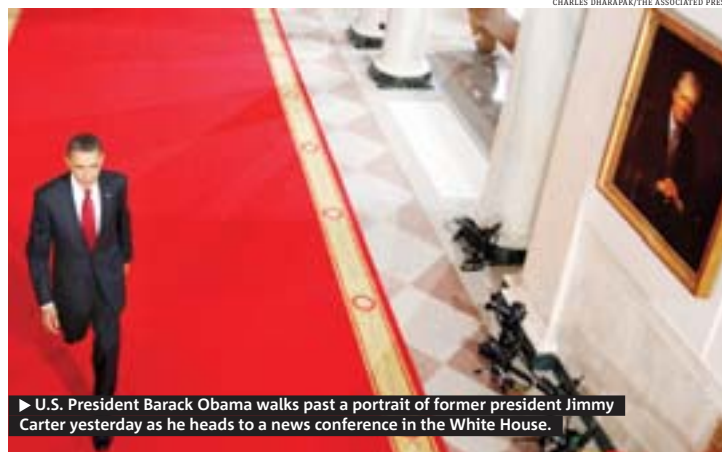
At a White House news conference, the U.S. president said when Congress returns, "my goal is to make sure we don't have a huge spike in taxes for middle-class families." He made no mention of his campaign-long insistence that tax cuts be permitted to expire on upper-income families, a position that put him in conflict with Republicans.

He also virtually abandoned his legislation — hopelessly stalled in the Senate — featuring economic incentives to reduce carbon emissions from power plants, vehicles and other sources.

"I'm going to be looking for other means of addressing this problem," he said. "Cap and trade was one way to skin the cat," he added, strongly implying there will be others.

In the campaign, Republicans slammed the bill as a "national energy tax" and jobs killer, and numerous Democrats sought to emphasize their opposition to the measure during their own re-election races.

Obama opened his post-



► U.S. President Barack Obama walks past a portrait of former president Jimmy Carter yesterday as he heads to a news conference in the White House.

election news conference by saying voters who felt frustrated by the sluggish pace of economic recovery had dictated the Republican takeover in the House.

Asked to reflect on the returns, he said, "I feel bad," adding that many Democrats who went down to defeat had done so knowing they risked their careers to support his agenda of economic stimulus

legislation and a landmark health-care bill.

Obama said he was eager to sit down with the leaders of both political parties "and figure out how we can move forward

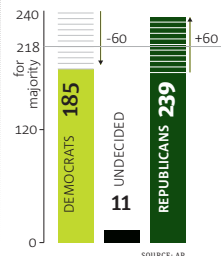
together."

"It won't be easy," he said, noting the two parties differ profoundly in some key areas.

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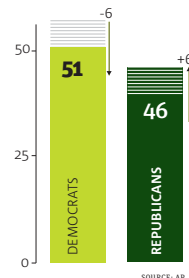
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B.C. premier says it's 'time for a change'

► HST has been hugely unpopular in B.C. ► Campbell calls for leadership convention as soon as possible

B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell announced he will step down as the province's leader after weeks of speculation about his political future following the disastrous introduction of the harmonized sales tax.

"After considerable soul searching and discussion with my family, I've decided to ask the B.C. Liberal party executive to hold a leadership convention at the earliest possible date to elect a new leader of the party," Campbell told reporters at a news conference outside his Vancouver cabinet offices.

He said his government has tried to move forward



B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell.

in recent weeks with initiatives to strengthen the B.C. economy.

"It is clear to me that those initiatives have been overshadowed and when public debate becomes focused on one person, as

opposed to what's in the best interests of the province of British Columbia, we've lost sight of what is important.

"When that happens, it's time for a change," Campbell said.

Campbell faces a leadership review at the annual party convention later this month, and many pundits had been predicting his political demise.

Campbell was unapologetic yesterday.

"It's not always popular to do what you think in your heart is right and in the long-term interests of our province and the families who live here," he said.

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U.S. judge schedules Canadian's execution

A Montana judge yesterday scheduled a Jan. 31 execution date for the only known Canadian on death row in the United States.

District Judge John Larson's order for Ronald Allen Smith's execution came two days after a Helena judge issued an order staying the execution.

Smith, 53, of Red Deer, Alta., is seeking a court ruling on whether the state's method of carrying out the death penalty is unconstitutional.

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► Best Buy President and COO, Mike Pratt, left, and a Best Buy employee play a game using Kinect for Xbox 360 during a media sneak peak at the device in Burnaby, B.C., Tuesday.

Microsoft takes Xbox up a notch

► Kinect took more than a dozen years research ► New way of interacting with console ► Video chat capability

Gamers may be drawn to Xbox's Kinect by the lure of putting down a controller and orchestrating the action on screen themselves.

The Kinect sensor, which goes on sale today for \$149.99, will have gamers gyrating in front of a screen as they negotiate roaring rapids, spike a volleyball, bust a move, tickle a tiger or burn some calories.

All without a controller, thanks to Kinect's sensor, which translates body movement into game action.

But Microsoft sees the bigger picture with Kinect, bringing voice recognition and a new form of technological interaction into the living room.

Kinect creative director Kudo Tsunoda sees it as

"just the very first baby step" into a fully immersive experience where you interact with a virtual world in the same way you do in your regular life.

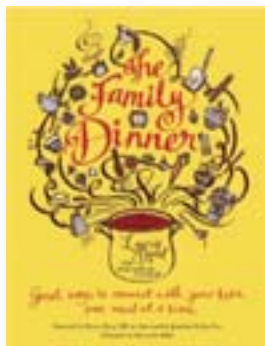
Games can respond to the player's voice or movement, remember who he or she is and react accordingly depending on the interaction.

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Merkel a bomb target

► She's third leader hit by Europe-wide mail blitz ► Greece halts parcels

Greece stopped all air-borne parcels headed overseas and screened thousands of packages yesterday in a bid to stop a spate of bombings blamed on Greek militants targeting diplomatic missions and European leaders.

A 48-hour ban on all parcel deliveries abroad took effect after mail bombs reached the office of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Flights were halted at Italy's Bologna airport, where a package addressed to Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi caught fire.

At least 11 mail bombs were detected in Athens — one addressed to French President Nicolas Sarkozy and eight to the Athens embassies of Bulgaria, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Chile, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Europe's attacks follow

an unsuccessful Yemen-based mail bomb plot.

Police said none of the devices that targeted the European leaders contained lethal amounts of explosives — unlike those used by the Yemeni militants.

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► Angela Merkel arrives for a cabinet meeting in Berlin yesterday.

Manila in terror alert

The United States and four other countries warned of possible terrorist attacks in Manila and elsewhere in

the Philippines yesterday.

The U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Britain warned their citizens visiting the Philippines to stay away from shopping malls and places frequented by foreigners.

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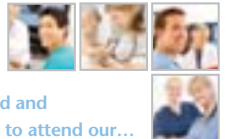
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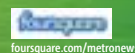


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COMMON-LAW COUPLES

Quebec paves way for alimony

It's a victory for common-law spouses seeking alimony — and a court defeat for a famous businessman from Quebec.

Quebec's top court has overturned a lower-court decision that denied an unmarried woman the right to alimony from her wealthy ex.

The Quebec Court of Appeal says elements of the province's Civil Code discriminate against common-law couples.

The case involves a woman and her longtime lover, a wealthy man who contends he doesn't owe her alimony because they were never legally married.

The two cannot be identified because the identity of their three children is protected under provincial family law.

Common-law couples have varying rights depending on where they live in Canada. In some provinces, they have alimony and property rights. But despite the fact that one-third of all Quebec couples are unmarried, it remains the only province that does not recognize common-law unions.

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▶ A shopping street in Staines, England.

Cleaning up Staines

▶ Town home to comic Sacha Baron Cohen's rapper alter-ego, Ali G

The British town of Staines is sandwiched between an airport and an industrial park, has been ridiculed by comedian Sacha Baron Cohen and is saddled with an unfortunate-sounding name. Now business leaders in the commuter town near London are hoping that a name change might dispel its gritty image.

Critics say the rebranding effort would be prohib-

itively expensive and note the new proposed name — Staines-upon-Thames — also sounds ridiculous.

Local business leader Alex Tribick says underlining the town's location along the River Thames "can only encourage businesses." But Anne Damerell of the Staines Town Society called the idea "pretentious nonsense." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deficit plan won't work: Watchdog

► **Watchdog** have retired and stopped paying taxes, while using more services

The federal government's deficit elimination plan is unsustainable and may never result in a balanced budget without raising taxes, says Canada's budget watchdog.

The latest report from parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page shows Ottawa's deficit falling sharply from last year's record \$55.6 billion, along a similar path as the government's projection. But where the two diverge is that Page's analysis never shows the deficit reaching zero. Instead, the parliamentary budget office forecasts that in five years, when Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is

Shortfall

The new analysis is not all bad news for the Harper government. Page says this year's shortfall may be \$5 billion more than Flaherty's estimate in last month's economic update. Although neither the budget office nor the government's latest fiscal projections go beyond the five-year horizon, Page warns the situation isn't likely to get better beyond that point.

projecting a \$2.6-billion surplus, Canada will still have an \$11-billion deficit. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Austria. Sunny side



► A woman feeds a swan at Lake Zeller See yesterday in Zell am See, Austria.

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Bright fall for Austria

The forecast for Austria predicts warm and sunny weather all over the country.

Church probes teary statue

The Roman Catholic Diocese of London, Ont., is looking into a popular statue of the Virgin Mary in Windsor that witnesses say weeps.

Worshippers say the statue at a Windsor home has healing powers and the diocese wants to determine if any miracles have been performed.

Spokesman Mark Adkinson said it's the first time the diocese has been presented with this kind

of situation.

Adkinson said the diocese can't explain the weeping Virgin Mary, but it's going to try.

The diocese will also contact the homeowner to offer assistance and protect the statue if necessary. Windsor officials said a structure housing the statue violates building and zoning rules and has ordered the homeowner to remove it.

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Gamblers lose big at U.S. border

U.S. border officials say two gamblers did not properly declare winnings from Casino Windsor and lost nearly \$20,000 to American customs.

Customs officers say one man eventually admitted he had won \$40,000, de-

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Border officers say they became suspicious when one man said he had \$9,400 and the other \$9,500.

posited half at the Ontario casino and split the rest with his passenger.

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Mother of 10-year-old mom confounded by press attention

► Under Spanish law, having consensual sex with someone under age 13 is classified as child abuse

A Roma woman whose 10-year-old daughter just gave birth in Spain says she's delighted to have a new granddaughter and doesn't understand why the birth has shocked anyone — let alone become an international sensation.

Spanish authorities have released few details about the case to protect the girl's privacy.

But in comments published yesterday, her Romanian mother told reporters the baby's father is a 13-year-old boy who is still in Romania and is no longer going out with her daughter.

The 10-year-old girl and

"Mother at 10 years old."

HEADLINE FROM BARCELONA'S LA VANGUARDIA NEWSPAPER, WHICH DEDICATED TWO PAGES TO THE STORY.

her baby daughter plan to stay in Spain because the young couple separated, said the girl's mother. She identified herself only as Olimpia and appeared to be in her 30s but did not give her age.

She also said she didn't understand the attention because she and her daughter are Roma and their custom is to allow

girls to marry young even though that's against the law in Romania.

"That's the way we get married," the girl's mother told reporters Tuesday outside the modest apartment building in the southern town of Lebrija where the family lives.

In contrast, news about the 10-year-old mother barely registered in Romania, with stories buried inside newspapers focusing on the controversy the birth had caused among Spaniards.

The girl moved to Spain about three weeks ago, her mother said.

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MEN AGAINST DIVE DATING IS HERE FOR YOU

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



When you get divorced, you go to some dark, disturbing places. I went to a cougar bar.

It's been two years since my marriage ended and my decision-making skills in the immediate aftermath were sometimes lacking. I showed the high dating standards of Bret Michaels, the long-term planning skills of a goldfish, and the general intelligence of a farm-fresh potato.

Fortunately, my sojourns into seedy bars were not successful. There's nothing like waking up in the morning and doing a little celebratory dance when you realize you're alone.

And now that I am sane again I have a higher purpose: To warn recent divorcees that the answers

to their problems are NOT in bars. I plan to call it Men Against Dive Dating, unless there's some sort of unforeseen legal problem.

I'll give speeches at places where male divorcees gather — laundromats mostly — and tell people my troubling but inspirational story.

So here goes. I went to a cougar bar called Crocodile Rock.

All you really need to know about the place is that when I mentioned the bar during a standup routine it evoked instant laughter. The exception was the night I was performing for a bunch of ball-cap wearing

drunks. That night it evoked hoots of approval.

Crocodile Rock is known as the Cougar Capital of Canada. So

"I'll give speeches at places where male divorcees gather — laundromats mostly — and tell people my troubling but inspirational story."

I thought, "I'm 32. A cougar is just a contemporary, right?" Wrong.

First of all, I did not fit in. I'm not the kind of person who can walk into a dance club by himself and strut around like he owns the place. Most of the guys there were 80 per cent shouldered, 15 per cent hair gel, and five per cent

sense of smug self-satisfaction.

On some nights I'm 45 per cent crippling neuroses just for starters. I can't compete.

Second, I didn't realize there's a sliding scale of cougar. If somebody my age goes to a cougar bar I'm not leaving with anybody younger than 66. And the Liver-Spotted Toothless Cougar is a species you do not want to mess with. The gum marks aren't much, but the press-on nails can kill.

I left drunk and, if possible, more alone.

Yes, it's a sad story, but the important thing is I survived to tell it. And I plan to bring a simple message to divorced men everywhere: Cougar is just another word for nothing left to lose. Men Against Dive Dating is here for you.



Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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Online pharmacy warning

Worth mentioning

Health Canada is warning consumers about the potential risks of buying prescription drugs online from certain websites, which are offering medications not authorized for sale in Canada and thought to be counterfeit.

Those websites are: www.northdrugmart.com, www.northdrugstore.com and www.pharmacy-rxworld.com. Health Canada has identified products on these websites that contain references to brand names and resemble drugs that are authorized to be sold in Canada.

"This may lead consumers to believe they are purchasing drugs that

Buyer beware



have been reviewed for safety, efficacy and quality by Health Canada," the department said yesterday.

"It is important to note that counterfeit drugs may contain no active or unsuitable ingredients, or dangerous additives. To this end, counterfeit drugs may pose a higher risk than other forms of unauthorized drugs."

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Metro Minute with pumpkin treats

The Halloween pumpkins are still sitting on your porch, aren't they? We know you spent hours carving that dramatic gourd tableau of the Chilean miners' rescue, but your neighbours are too polite to tell you your yard is starting to smell funny. And not ha-ha funny either. Toss out your rotting vegetable art and honour its memory by going for a scrumptious pumpkin

treat. Yoshi's Sweets at 2359 Queen St. E., has the lockdown in the pumpkin latte wars with fresh, thick pumpkin puree and spiced espresso perfection. Then head north to the Sweet Tooth Pastry Shop (508 Danforth Ave.) for a slice of year-round pumpkin pie, then wash it down with a pumpkin ale from the Victory Café (581 Markham St.).

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► Honour the memory of Halloween by going out for a scrumptious pumpkin treat.

Clement blocks PotashCorp takeover bid

► Five provinces, led by Saskatchewan, opposed the BHP Billiton bid ► BHP offered \$38.6B or \$130 per share

Ottawa has rejected a nearly \$40-billion US takeover bid by BHP Billiton to buy PotashCorp, a deal that would have been the biggest takeover in Canadian history.

Industry Minister Tony Clement announced the decision yesterday after reviewing the blockbuster transaction to see if it would be of "net benefit" to Canada under the Investment Canada Act.

"BHP Billiton's bid does not present a likely net benefit to Canada," Clement told reporters in the foyer of the House of Commons. "When done right reviewable foreign direct investment is a key



► Tony Clement, industry minister.

factor in the success of our economy. Canada needs to be open for business and we welcome any opportunity for investment that does provide a benefit to

Canadians."

Clement gave the company another month to change its bid, but the company may just walk away from the offer.

The rejection is rare and appears to undermine the federal government's policies to boost trade and open up the Canadian economy to more foreign investment.

But in recent years, the takeovers of Canada's steel industry and iconic miners, such as Alcan, Inco and Falconbridge, by foreigners has angered many Canadians and raised the political temperature about foreign investment.

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NYSE. Trades






► Trader Michael Lervoline studies his handheld device on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

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What to buy, what to sell?

New York markets finished higher yesterday as investors took in good news on the jobs front. Payroll company ADP said private employers added 43,000 jobs last month after cutting jobs in September.

Market moment

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Torstar earns a little more

Torstar Corp., kept its profits steady in the third quarter as the newspaper and book publisher faced a stronger Canadian dollar and booked charges related to its restructuring.

Net income for the owner of the Toronto Star and other newspapers, Harlequin books and numerous websites was \$4.1 million for the three months ended Sept. 30, up from \$4 million a year ago.

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OECD lowers forecasted growth for 2011

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says the world economic recovery has slowed and is cutting its forecast for growth in developed countries in 2011.

The Paris-based organization is also warning that the global economic crisis has brought "public deficits and debt to unsustainable levels."

2.7%

Forecasted growth, in June, of the world's 33 most developed economies.

The OECD issued a report yesterday ahead of the Group of 20 summit of rich and developing countries in South Korea next

week. The watchdog group for 33 of the world's most developed economies forecast 2010 growth for its members at between 2.5 and three per cent of gross domestic product — a wider range than in its previous forecast of 2.7 in June. It also lowered its growth forecast for next year to two to 2.5 per cent, down from 2.8 per cent.

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► Coors Light and Molson Canadian on sale in Denver yesterday.

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Less beer, more profit for Molson Coors

Molson Coors Brewing Co. says its net income increased by nine per cent to just more than \$256 million US in its third quarter on higher prices and cost cutting, even though it sold less beer. The company has been raising prices in the sluggish economy to protect its brands from being seen as too cheap, even if the amount of beer sold suffers as a result.

WestJet to start baggage fee

- Charge will only affect those who check a second bag
- Airline saw 72 per cent profit surge in third quarter

WestJet Airlines Ltd. will join its rivals in charging travellers a checked baggage fee in a search for additional sources of revenue as it begins to pay a dividend to shareholders for the first time in its history. The Calgary-based airline will begin charging a \$20 fee for a second checked bag on flights on or after Jan. 19, effective with bookings now.

"This will enable us to maintain and gain cost efficiency and allow us to continue to be the low fare leader in all of our mar-

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Share value in WestJet, a jump from 24 cents per share in the third quarter of 2009.

kets," Gregg Saretsky, WestJet's president and CEO said on a conference call with analysts yesterday to discuss the company's 72 per cent profit surge in the third quarter.

WestJet projects the new

charge will be a boon to shareholders and generate an extra \$8 million to \$10 million in revenues per year. The change is expected to affect fewer than the 25 per cent of its passengers who currently check two bags. The second-bag fee will also help offset the impact of rising fuel costs and is consistent with WestJet's pay-per-use business model, in which passengers who choose to consume more services — including snacks, pillows and audio headsets — pay for them on top of fare. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Melnyk appeals OSC ruling

► Argues OSC panel not authorized to apply 'public interest' criteria

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Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk is appealing an Ontario Securities Commission ruling that found he acted contrary to the public interest in 2003 while he was CEO of Biovail Corp.

The ruling focused on events in the months before and after Biovail's announcement that it would miss its 2003 third-quarter earnings target.

The Sept. 30 ruling said that the OSC enforcement branch hadn't proven Melnyk broke the law but his conduct was "contrary to the public interest" — and



► Eugene Melnyk

ordered the two sides to schedule a hearing to determine sanctions.

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N.S. to ban Georges Bank drilling

Nova Scotia has introduced legislation that would indefinitely ban offshore commercial drilling off its southwest coast.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks says drilling would not occur in the eco-

Jurisdiction

► Nova Scotia shares jurisdiction over Georges Bank with the federal government.

logically sensitive marine area of Georges Bank unless science shows that it would be safe to proceed.

Estabrooks says even then it would take a public hearing and a vote in the legislature to lift the moratorium. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

TMX Group looks to Europe for business

TMX Group, the operator of the Toronto Stock Exchange, says it plans to open an office in London, England, in early 2011.

The Toronto-based group, also the operator of the TSX Venture Exchange

and the Montreal Exchange, and handles derivative trading, says the new office will focus on exploring business opportunities in European markets.

It will seek out new opportunities in its portfolio of financial services and exchanges in the equities, derivatives, data, energy and fixed income markets.

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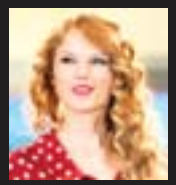
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News in brief



Taylor Swift fans have spoken — more than a million times.

The country pop superstar sold more than 1 million copies of her new album *Speak Now* to debut at the top of the *Billboard* album chart this week.

Billboard.com said yesterday that it's the biggest debut since 50 Cent's *The Massacre* five years ago.

According to Nielsen SoundScan figures, *Speak Now* sold 1,047,000 copies since it was released last week. That's slightly higher than the 1,006,000 posted by Lil Wayne's *Tha Carter III* in 2008.

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Michael Jackson's music, choreography and visuals to go on tour with *Cirque Du Soleil*



superhero genre

- ▶ Megamind director says collaboration with actors key to film's success
- ▶ Animated flick focuses on bad guy, and has a true love story at its core



▶ Tina Fey, left, and Will Farrell, right, star in *Megamind*.



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Filmmaker Tom McGrath says he never lost control of *Megamind* — even when his actors began adlibbing in the recording booth.

"That's why we had the cast we do — to be partners and collaborators," said the director recently in Los Angeles. "I would say 30 per cent of what you hear in the scene is improvised ... we'd get three (jokes) for every line that's as funny as was written."

With stars like Will Ferrell and Tina Fey on board, *Megamind* was definitely

"Animation is one of the hardest things for an actor to do. Everyone of these guys jumped in, instantly became the character and it's a sight to behold and I had the best seat in the house."

MEGAMIND DIRECTOR TOM MCGRATH

in safe hands. Meanwhile, an original spin on the superhero genre, McGrath (*Madagascar*) expertly weaves a tale about a supervillain with a colossal cranium (Ferrell) that sets out to conquer dependable do-gooder Metro Man (Brad Pitt).

"(It's mostly about) the layers underneath these characters we all know and the superhero-genre," explained McGrath, down-

playing that *Megamind* is straight parody. "There were a couple things we referenced but we tried to keep the movie and the comedy coming exclusively from the characters."

One notable reference is *Space Dad*, a hilarious character that clearly spoofs Marlon Brando's version of Jor-El in 1978's *Superman*.

"(*Space Dad*) looks more like Ted Kennedy than Mar-

lon Brando but Will saw the design for this character and thought 'I'd like to try kind of a lisp Marlon Brando,'" said McGrath. "We were laughing so hard in the recording booth ... we knew it would work."

Another element McGrath realized would be an attribute was allowing Ferrell and Tina Fey to record together — surprisingly unusual for most animated films.

"It's a superhero movie but at the heart of it is a very intimate love story and that's where casting came invaluable with Tina and Will," said McGrath. "At the end of the day, it's a great contrast."

Canadian celebs join It Gets Better campaign

A group of Canadian celebrities, businesspeople, politicians and athletes including Rick Mercer and Mark Tewksbury have joined the "It Gets Better" viral campaign, aimed at young victims of anti-gay bullying.

Columnist Dan Savage launched the movement in September following the high-profile suicides of several gay teens who were the victims of bullying.

A new 12-minute video featuring Canadian personalities hit the web on Tuesday.

Others involved in the project include ballet dancer Rex Harrington, politician George Smitherman and the cast of MTV's *1 Girl, 5 Gays*.

Some recall their own harrowing experiences with high-school bullying, while others discuss when they came out. The campaign, in which celebrities talk about how much life has improved in the years since high school, is designed to give hope to youngsters.

The video ends with the contact information for the LGBT Youth Line and the Kids Help Phone.

Prior contributors to the international campaign include Ellen DeGeneres, Anne Hathaway, Neil Patrick Harris, Katy Perry, Rob Thomas and U.S. President Barack Obama.

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► The big screen take on Yogi Bear comes out Dec. 17 in a busy holiday movie season. Dan Aykroyd stars as Yogi.

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As we come upon the start of Hollywood's holiday movie season, it's important to observe that for every multi-million dollar blockbuster, there's an award-worthy drama.

And 2010 offers no less in either category.

With everything from Darren Aronofsky's festival favourite *Black Swan* (Dec. 1) to the big-screen adaptation of *Yogi Bear* (Dec. 17), this year clearly proves to have something for everyone at the local cineplex:

The Whole Family

Kids of all ages will be pumped to see *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* when it hits multiplexes Nov. 19, but be warned — it's only the first half. You will have to wait until next summer for part two of the movie.

Also for fans of fantasy, there's *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Trader* (Dec. 10) and the highly-anticipated reimagining of *Tron: Legacy* (Dec. 17).

For a slightly less intense experience, Disney's *Tangled* (Nov. 24) is a modern take on the classic fairy-tale, *Rapunzel*.

The Blockbusters

This year, there'll be plenty of big-money showstoppers — from Denzel Washington's runaway thriller *Unstoppable* (Nov. 12) to Cher's cinematic return in the eclectic musical *Burlesque* (Nov. 24).

Other highlights include Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie facing off in *The Tourist* (Dec. 10), Russell Crowe in a French remake called *The Next Three Days* (Nov. 19), Mark Wahlberg in the inspirational drama *The Fighter* (Dec. 17) and *Little Fockers* (Dec. 22), the latest sequel to the Ben Stiller's hit comedy *Meet the Parents*.

... The Award Goes To

If you want to get an eye on an early Oscar contender, be sure to check out the Toronto Film Festival's audience favourite when *The King's Speech* (starring Colin Firth) hits theatres Dec. 10.

Other award-worthy films could include *Country Strong* (Dec. 22) featuring Gwyneth Paltrow as a washed-up crooner, the adaptation of Mordecai Richler's acclaimed novel *Barney's Version* (Dec. 24) and the return of the perpetual Oscar-winning *Cohen Brothers* with a dark remake of the classic western, *True Grit* (Dec. 25).

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RICKY MARTIN ON COMING OUT, AND COMING INTO HIS OWN

Ricky Martin knew his sexuality was the subject of speculation in the celebrity world for years. Still, he never confirmed that he was gay until his tweet heard 'round the world earlier this year for one simple reason: He just wasn't ready. His autobiography, *Me*, released this week is dedicated to his two-year-old twins, Matteo and Valentino, who inspired him to finally be open about the life he leads.

Had you considered coming out before this year?

Everybody has to go through their own process, spiritual peace, to be able to stand in front of the mirror and look at yourself and start asking questions and say, "This is you, and lift your head up high and be happy about it and be proud." But the most important thing was my children.

Do you think Latino culture is less accepting of gay culture, and do you think coming out makes it easier for other gay Latinos and Latinas?

Homophobia is a global issue. It's not something that only happens in the (United) States or in Latin America, it's all over the

world. I came out because I had the need to pretty much be free and be happy with myself.

Over the years there had been rumours you were gay. Did it make it easier for you, or when you heard that, did it make you not want to come out?

Unfortunately, the way it was treated, my sexuality with some members of the media, it was treated with a very shallow lens ... And I would get really angry. I would say, "No, that's not me."

And you know what, it would push me away from ever coming out. And I think that's a problem society is facing. Sometimes you turn on the television or you listen to the radio, or (read) the newspaper, and there's a very, very weird comment.

They describe homosexuality or the character of a homosexual as a one-dimensional person who is very stereotypical, and that's not right. Stereotypes are not wrong, they are just half of the story, and yes it did push me away from accepting myself. I don't think it's right to force someone to come out.

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Album reviews A classic ●●●●● | Buy it ●●●●● | Get the single ●●●●● | Borrow it ●●● | Don't bother ●●●

Brian Eno *Small Craft On A Milk Sea Warp 4*

Album: *Small Craft On A Milk Sea*
Label: Warp

Recorded as mostly improvised pieces with regular collaborators Jon Hopkins and Leo Abrahams, Eno's 25th solo album is not a return to any specific form. Instead, signing to visionary label Warp has inspired the legend to expand his ambient work as well as break new ground. It's a miscellany of classical and electronic arrangements, varying



from the chiming bliss of *Emerald* and *Lime* to the scattered post-rock rumblings of *2 Forms of Anger*. The result confirms that the pioneer is as relevant as any of his disciples.

Outstanding track: *Emerald and Lime* ● CAM LINDSAY

N.E.R.D.

Album: *Nothing*
Label: Star Trak/Interscope

N.E.R.D. have never quite lived up to the glory Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo have experienced producing as the Neptunes. Sadly, Nothing is no exception, consistently upholding their hip-hop, R&B, funk and rock hybrid with underwhelming results.

Despite the emphasis on partying, the album is devoid of Pharrell's flash and style, even on a much-hyped assist by



Daft Punk. Why they keep giving away their best songs to the superstars is beyond me, because N.E.R.D. have yet to better anything the Neptunes have done.

Outstanding track:

Hypnotize U ● CAM LINDSAY

Elvis Costello

Album: *National Ransom*
Label: Universal

The CD opens with the rambunctious title track that flashes back Elvis' early days with the Attractions, pounding rhythms, fiery guitar riffs (courtesy of Jerry Douglas and Marc Ribot) and vintage Vox organ runs. But it's the only blast of Elvis the iconoclastic rocker you'll get on this album. Eclecticism is the norm here as *National Ransom* gives way to Dixieland dirges (*Jimmie Standing in the Rain*), country heartaches (*I Lost You*) and



devilish crooning (*You Hung the Moon*). These are wonderfully written tales of degradation and despair, assisted by the muted production techniques of T Bone Burnett, and will be welcomed by Elvis fans.

Outstanding track: *National Ransom*

● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Matt & Kim

Album: *Sidewalks*
Label: Fader

It's been four years since Matt & Kim released their debut disc, and while they still play saccharine indie pop, they've come an incredibly long way since 2006. Back then, the two-some were this lovable, quirky duo that played fun, lo-fi pop. Now they're as polished as any major label group. Fans may miss their basement recording-like sounds on *Sidewalks*, their third disc, but the infectious arrangements are



still in tact. *Red Paint*, with its frenetic keyboards, epic chorus and crunchy guitars is a standout, while the hip-hop beats on *Block After Block* show off their range.

Outstanding track: *Red Paint* ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Good Charlotte

Album: *Cardiology*
Label: Capitol/EMI

Wait, Good Charlotte is still around? You won't be faulted for thinking the group disappeared — marriages, break-ups and kids kept the power pop five-piece busy for a while, but the group returns with their fifth disc and first in three years. The record is predictable — rich, harmony laden power pop, mainstream rock, teen-friendly jams — but it's also less wild and erratic than their older tunes. The bottom line is



that the band is maturing. Lyrics about love and family (not including the track *Sex on the Radio*) are easier to swallow than their overwrought breakup tunes.

Outstanding track: *Let the Music Play*

● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Jrdn

Album: *lamjrdn*
Label: Fontana North

Canada's not know for its R&B scene, but we've got plenty of soulful acts burning up club soundtracks. Jordan Croucher, better known as JRDN, is one of those acts making a mark across the country. The latest is full of slick American-style R&B pop, and while it's not very original, it's got all the ingredients to make it a hit. Single *U Can Have It All* is Usher without, thankfully, all the overt sex talk; the Enrique



Iglesias sounding *I Don't Care* takes a stab at electro pop; *The Ghetto* is a heartfelt track about his youth. It's a strong debut, from a rising Canadian singer.

Outstanding track: *U Can Have It All*

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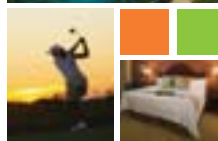


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How does it feel to have your hair take on a life of its own?

Honestly I could never envision something like this. It started off as a grungy stage in college, where I didn't really care what I looked like. I just let my hair grow — and all of a sudden it really has taken on a personality of its own.

Was your hair an important part of your identity before university?

Culturally, Samoans have always had long hair.

Hair's always been a big part of any great warrior society. Samuri warriors, Spartans, American Indians ... I guess I grew it out as part of a subconscious thought of being Samoan.

When was the last time you had it cut?

About seven years ago, which coincided with the first time I met my wife (Theodora); I haven't cut it since.

You're a guy, but I hear you really like Head & Shoulders Smooth & Silky.

When I was growing up, my family always had Head & Shoulders, and it just worked out that now I still continue to use it. I use Smooth & Silky, but what I use more than anything is the conditioner.

It helps with controlling frizz. My hair gets pretty crazy — if I didn't use (the conditioner) it would probably get dreadlocked up.

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Shampoo and bent characters

► Gossip Girl star Leighton Meester wraps filming on three new movies



When Leighton Meester asks, "Want to sit in the back with me?" you immediately dismiss motion-sickness worries, and clamber up into the black SUV. Meester's easy, friendly demeanor makes you feel like you're hanging out like you always do, although you only just met for a ride-along interview en route to the airport.

This Toronto trip is a quick stop in a go-go-go schedule for the actress, part of a media tour she and her friend, hairstylist Charles Baker Strahan, are doing together for Herbal Essences, for which she is the spokesperson.

"I used to use it before, but Charles re-introduced the brand to me, and I fell in love with it," she says.

Also part of her busy life is her fourth season of Gossip Girl, as manipulative society-princess Blair Waldorf, and three movies she wrapped in recent months.

In Country Strong, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Tim McGraw, and scheduled for widespread release in January, Meester,



► Leighton Meester plays society princess Blair Waldorf on Gossip Girl.

24, plays a young, Texas beauty-queen singer alongside Paltrow's self-destructive country-music star character.

Despite having music in common — the actress fits singing and songwriting into her schedule as much as she can — Meester highlights this role as one of the most different from herself.

"She's secretive about a lot of her past, about her

from myself as you can get, and the most uncomfortable role I've ever played," she says. "Every day I had to do something completely the opposite of a choice I would make in real life."

Most of Meester's characters are a bit bent in some way, whether spoiled and scheming, uncomfortably needy or outright psychotic. The secret to playing them is not to judge, she says. "You have to embrace and love them, and reach some part of them in yourself, whether it's completely blurry, vague and distant, or something you can relate to."

Teamed with Hugh Laurie, Katherine Keener, Alyson Janney and Oliver Platt in The Oranges, also due in 2011, Meester finds herself in another questionable-choices character. "I'm the daughter in one family who falls in love with the father (Laurie) in the other family."

The actress says she doesn't have a list of I-Want roles. "I've been really lucky that the characters I want to play are also in scripts that are wonderful and beautifully executed, and I have time to do it."

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► Fictional billionaire Bruce Wayne takes responsibility for funding caped crusader in pages of special series

Batman's alter ego, Bruce Wayne, is going public about his role behind the Dark Knight.

After a lifetime spent wearing the cowl — and a scowl that's made him the scourge of Gotham's madmen — the fictional billionaire is taking full responsibility for keeping the caped crusader financed to fight crime.

The admission is unveiled this week in the final pages of *Batman and Robin* No. 16 that marks the last issue in a run by Scottish writer Grant Morrison.

The acknowledgment in the final pages comes as Wayne holds a news conference where he asks those gathered: "Some of you may have wondered ... how does a man like Batman afford to constantly update his crime-fighting technolo-



► Christian Bale as Batman

gy? Where does his money come from?

"Well, the answer is me."

The confession, Morrison said, is part of a detailed effort that puts into motion a plan for *Batman Incorporated*, a global network of Batmen from China to Argentina to fight crime worldwide.

Morrison said the decision was made to protect

Wayne's secret identity by deflecting attention away from speculation it was he who wore the cape.

"We've sidetracked the media that he has actually been financing Batman all these years," Morrison explained of the long arc he's written that has seen the Dark Knight plunge through time and space and have his mantle taken up by former Robin Dick Grayson. "He is the man behind the Batman, but he is not Batman."

In doing so, Wayne is free to take his crime fighting international by building what Morrison calls a "global, international army of Batmen. Batman in China, Batman in Japan, Batman in Russia. Expanding the Batman brand to areas where he really hasn't been before." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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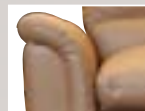
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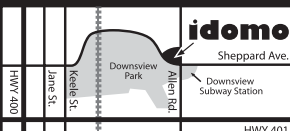
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► Jay-Z says he wouldn't mind being president some day.

Jay-Z stands up for Obama

While his retirement from rap doesn't seem to be taking, Jay-Z may have another career change in mind. "Give me a chance. Maybe in eight years, I'll be the president," he tells BBC Newsbeat. In the meantime, he's coming to the defence of the current president, Barack Obama.

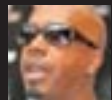
"In order to judge someone, you have to judge what they inherit," he says. "He inherited the worst economy, war, just a horrible time in American history. So if we think he can solve that — I mean, we don't think he's God, do we?"

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Heidi, Spencer spent \$10M, now bankrupt

► Reality stars said they expected *The Hills* would have lasted a few more years ► Spent nearly \$3M trying to launch Montag's career as a singer

In their quest to stay in the spotlight, Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt say they blew through \$10 million and are now broke and considering bankruptcy, they tell *Life & Style*.

"We were immature, worrying too much about the famous part instead of the actual business part," Pratt says. "We thought *The Hills* was going to be like *90210* and we'd have another five to 10 years."

The couple claims they spent \$35,000 a month on their rented Malibu home, \$3 million on studio and producer fees in an attempt to launch Montag's music career and hundreds of thousands of dollars on her plastic surgery. They say they now owe the IRS \$2 million.

"We spoke with a bankruptcy attorney and I've looked into unemployment checks," Pratt says.

● METRO



► Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag are considering filing for bankruptcy.

Michaels allegedly other man in Cyrus breakup

Miley Cyrus' parents filed for divorce last week, and sources say it's because mom Tish Cyrus allegedly had an affair with Bret Michaels, according to *U.S. Weekly*.

Michaels met the fami-

ly when he recorded a duet with Miley in February.

"It was a professional relationship that turned into something more," a source says of Michaels and Tish.

"Billy Ray was completely unaware of what was going on."

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Designer Vera Wang mines 20 years of her own label for 20 life lessons

Lanvin made for the public

- ▶ With shoppers and the fashion media waiting with baited breath, the countdown to the day Alber Elbaz's collection for H&M hits stores begins.
- ▶ Here's a sneak preview of what to expect.



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As the release date for the Lanvin for H&M collection draws nearer, the Swedish chain reveals more details about what is shaping up to be fashion's most anticipated high/low collaboration yet.

Based on the looks revealed so far, shoppers can expect a greatest hits type collection of the house's trademark, thoroughly modern statement dresses, bold cocktail jewelry, and embellished handbags at affordable prices.

Lanvin creative director Alber Elbaz believes that these types of partnerships are the future of fashion.

"I love the idea of H&M going luxury rather than Lanvin going public," he says in a press statement provided by H&M.

"It's about extremes: very high and very low. It's not about bridges; they are the first to collapse," he adds.

It's hard to believe this is all coming from the same man who just last year told *The New Yorker* magazine that he wouldn't design a lower-priced line to complement Lanvin.

"I have a problem to do a collection that is a secondary line. I mean, you don't want to be the step-sister. You want to be Cinderella. Show me one girl who wants to be the step-sister," he said.



▶ Lanvin for H&M hits stores in Canada on Nov. 20.

So does the H&M line reveal an overall change of mind?

Fingers crossed that it does. In the meantime, shoppers will at least have

Nov. 20, the day it all hits stores in Toronto and Vancouver, to look forward to.



▶ Christina Hendricks

Pay lip service

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From Christina Hendricks' come-hither crimson to Emily Blunt's resplendent rouge, red lips are among this season's hottest trends. Here, we show you how to avoid the cardinal sins and go scarlet in style:

Choose the right shade

According to makeup artist Charlotte Willer of Maybelline New York, the best way to meet your lipstick match is to test shades on your fingertips. "They're the closest to the colour of your lips," she said.

Prime your canvas

A flaky finish will spoil the look, so exfoliate first by gently buffing lips with a washcloth, then moisturize with eye cream. By the time you finish the rest of your face, the cream will be absorbed and your lips will be ready for colour.

Make one makeup statement at a time

While red lips may be in this season, the "clown" look is not, so if you're going red, keep the rest of your makeup minimal by sticking to neutral eye-shadow and blush shades.

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This fall season's must: Fair Isle

Wooly geek chic is the season's unexpected must. Fair Isle, the eccentrically patterned, Scottish heritage knit, has had quite a comeback. Here are some of the best on the market.

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A geeky note

The term Fair Isle is often used to describe any patterned knitwear. However, only designs, which originate from Fair Isle in Scotland's Shetland Islands should technically be termed with the Isle's name.

Trend of the week



Birds
Fringe was all over the runways last month but feathers make the more interesting story. Witness Natalie Portman wearing Rodarte in the upcoming movie, *The Black Swan*, and Selita Ebanks in Phillip Lim-designed feathers as a fallen phoenix in Kanye West's new short film, *Runaway*. Not to mention the fact that some of the spring/summer '11's most fun, fantastical looks resembled birds: from Alexander McQueen's massive feathered dresses to Chanel's flowy gowns. ● KENYA HUNT

shop diet

A-list Star stylist Phillip Bloch is looking to deliver retail therapy in his new book *The Shopping Diet*.

In addition to the tips and solutions for saving which form the core of *The Shopping Diet*, Bloch delves deeper into what could be prompting individuals to overspend, and, as he says, may have little to do with the items they're buying. Find it online at phillipbloch.com
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ANNA DELLO RUSSO

Essence of an editorialista

▶ The queen of the fashion blogosphere, Anna Dello Russo, talks perfume and the power of personal scent

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Just when you think you've read all there is to know about the increasingly famous Anna Dello Russo, she reveals a new and unexpected layer of herself. For instance, one would expect her to wear her perfume the way she does her fashion, in loud and over-the-top ways.

But surprisingly, even though her new eponymous perfume goes on sale this December, Anna only wears natural oils these days. The Vogue Nippon editor turned full-on fashion celebrity opens up about the allure of a good personal scent.

What was the first perfume you ever paid attention to? Fracas by Robert Piguet. When I was a teenager in Italy, it was extremely hard to find and not many peo-

ple wore it. It was also very French, which I love. For me, a perfume should spark a memory. My perfume reminds me of Christmas when I was a child, those moments of tranquility and calm in my family. It has the smell of vanilla and almond, which reminds me of the Christmas biscotti my grandmother used to bake.

In your opinion, how does a perfume reflect the woman who wears it? Personally, the idea of perfume has changed for me since yoga has become a big part of my life. You can't go to a yoga class wearing lots of perfume as the strong scent could disturb the class. I now wear perfumed oils instead. Nothing chemical.

The most beautiful scent is the natural smell of someone's skin. Every woman has a particular smell and to me that is the most important one.

What are some of your favourite fragrances to wear? I am obsessed with all the French brands. To me, a French fragrance almost always evokes your typical Parisienne, chic and simple. Also the names are always so agreeable to pronounce. I also love perfumes that remind me of food, ones with hints of vanilla, coconut, and almonds.

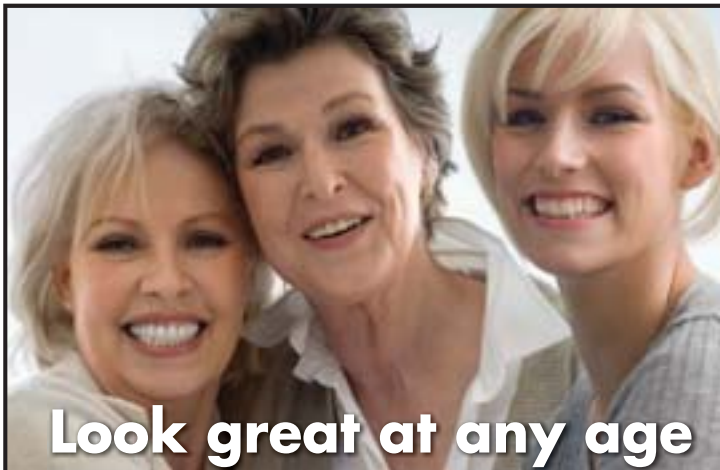
This is the first time a fashion editor has parlayed her celebrity into a fragrance. Do you think we'll see more things like this in the future as fashion editors become more famous online? Of course. I think that all people that work in fashion – bloggers, editors, and designers – are major players. The perfume is a start of a mini fashion revolution.

What are your favourite fragrances in your beauty cabinet right now and why do you wear them? I'm not really wearing any



"Women should wear perfume before going to bed when they're fresh out of the shower and ready to go to sleep."

ANNA DELLO RUSSO
perfume at the moment because of yoga. That could change any day, so I still keep a small collection in my beauty cabinet; I like having them there as an option. My Top 3 are Comme des Garçons, Chanel No. 5 and Bang by Marc Jacobs.



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Artistic refinement comes to life at Trinity Bellwoods with a high-end design that celebrates contemporary appeal.

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unit treats each design element as part of an overall artistic whole.

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simple, unadorned look. Nothing is frivolous, everything is purposeful. It's contemporary design at its most refined, I think," Cecconi said.

In the kitchen, floating cabinets give a sense of freedom to traditionally clunky wall storage. Countertop edges are bevelled so their thickness is hidden, and surfaces and materials are picked to make the overall design feel sculpted.

"The amount of storage in this whole space is phenomenal yet it doesn't feel cluttered. Some of the cabinets are open, some are closed, some are floating — I think there's a beautiful balance of space and storage, light and dark," Cecconi said.

The bathroom features a stand-alone tub that acts as the artistic focal point, a custom sink and a separate shower as well as a continuation of the open cabinetry design. In the master bedroom, Cecconi placed an impressive wall unit that combines bed, night table and sofa to create an ordered, modern look.

Sharp lines and sharp contrasts throughout the model unit work to give the space a strong dramatic feel softened only by tidbits

of gentle neutral accents. It's a look meant deliberately to stretch the boundaries of modern design and reveal the versatility of the space to potential buyers. "It's easy to visualize something that's less dramatic so we always demonstrate the most dramatic palette and leave it to the purchaser to decide if they want to pull back. Our design is very bold yet I don't find it aggressive — I think it's a perfect balance," Cecconi said.

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► Make a simple garland look lush by adding additional greenery and clusters of ornaments

DECOR MOMENT

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Is it too early to start planning, organizing and decorating for Christmas? Not in my books! I've already started researching all the holiday decor trends (which you will hear about over the next weeks), penciling in holiday party dates and thinking about all the locations where I can place the tree in the house this year.

Tomorrow, I land at the Jasper Park Lodge to attend a two-week event called Christmas In November, which will get me completely pumped about entertaining and decorating for the holidays.

When I finally land home from being in "the land of a million Christmas trees," I'll be pumped to get the house decorated and the parties will then start.

Here's an early buzz list

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to get you thinking about the holidays: It's my list of common Holiday Decorating Mistakes; what not to do if you want to impress:

Don't scatter holiday cards and collections; placing your itty-bitsy collectibles all over the house just looks messy.

DO: The collectible holiday bells, angels and snowmen will look much more impressive if you group them together in a tight collection. Use your mantel, sideboard or floating shelf and tightly group your collections.

Don't buy a too-short tree: choose a tree that is no more than one foot shorter than the ceilings. Anything shorter will look wimpy.

DO: If you want give a short tree some height, place the tree on a sidetable covered with a festive tablecloth or Christmas wrap. If you

live in a small space, consider putting a full-sized tree outside on the balcony and decorate with outdoor ornaments and lights.

Don't use wimpy garlands and wreaths: Most store-bought garlands are thin-looking and need some beefing up.

DO: Add a second garland rope to it or add artificial greens to the garland or a skimpy looking wreath. Fuller, lush and fresh looking is better! If you live in a condo, consider hanging your wreath on the inside of your condo door so you can see it more often.

Don't display bowls of candies, chocolates and nuts as decoration: Honestly, I don't like dusting off my chocolates before eating and guessing whether your dog licked over the candy bowl (and you know it did!).

DO: If you want to create a holiday display on your coffee table, use fresh items like lemons, pomegranates, and tangerines. They'll not only add colour but wonderful aroma to the room.

Don't use too few tree lights: A sparsely lit tree looks cheap and very Charlie Brown.

DO: Here's the shining rule about tree lights: add 100 lights for each foot of the tree's height then add 10 per cent more. There's nothing more romantic than a dim room illuminated only by the glow of festive lights.



► Rule of thumb: 100 lights for each foot of the tree's height



Dream your reno into reality

► Designer Jackie Morra guides inspired decorators through her process

Clients often tell me that they have a very hard time getting started on a new renovation or decorating project. But it's not as difficult as it seems if you follow the process I used for my own bedroom renovation.

How to find inspiration? The best way to find inspiration is by gathering photos of spaces you love from magazines, websites or visiting showrooms to see varying materials for texture, colour and styles.

How to start a decor project? Create a simple plan of your expectations than

start to review materials, timelines and a budget. Be organized and focus on one area at a time until it is completed. The layout of a space involves the correct placement of furniture and accessories and should take into account scale, flow and focal points. A room should have one or two focal points such as windows, accent walls or artwork.

How to decide on a colour scheme? Paint creates big impact; the right colours will pull everything together and complement any style. Start looking for colour cues by reviewing

decor items you love and get direction from an area rug or fabric, noting the three main colours used.

How do I decide on flooring? The floor area sets the tone and feel, and is the second largest space next to the walls. Research the right product for your lifestyle. The key to longevity is to take into consideration quality, the look you want and installation. The flooring used in my bedroom renovation, for instance, is Torlys Cork Plank, Vintage Block Chai. It was actually the inspiration for this space because I fell in love with the comfort, warmth

and the many environmental benefits of the floor. Visit torlys.com for more information.

How do I get help? Get three quotes from contractors and suppliers confirmed in writing with specific timelines and costs by project so there are no surprises, which also allows you to get unique ideas. Trust your instincts and make sure you are working with someone that shares your vision.

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► Tips for taking on a home's top three disaster zones

Feel like there's never enough room in your home to store everything? Chances are you don't need more square footage; You just need to get organized.

"Luckily, getting organized doesn't have to be difficult or expensive," says Danny Lipford, home improvement expert and host of Today's Homeowner. "The key is to find products that marry innovation and practicality to help make home organization easy."

While overhauling your whole home may seem intimidating, start with the three rooms that tend to be the culprits of chaos — the kitchen, bathroom and garage.

Check out these hot home helpers that will make your spaces more organized and enjoyable... at an affordable price.

IN THE KITCHEN:

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riety of items, such as clothing, jewelry, towels, travel bags and more.

IN THE GARAGE

Up and Out When looking for more storage space in the garage, don't forget to look up. Often overlooked,

the overhead area is ideal to suspend a variety of larger items, such as bikes, that take up coveted floor space. For only a few dollars, you can purchase large plastic-coated hooks that easily screw into the ceiling joist

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Get personal with photos in your decor

► The right photos can give rooms that personal touch ► And there's a lot more you can do with photos than display them on a shelf

When we decorate our homes, we express ourselves through the furniture we buy and the colours we select. But perhaps no element of decorating says more about us than the personal photographs we display.

This holiday season, families across the country will pose for photos and snap candid images of gift-giving. Some will even sit for studio portraits. Between holiday photos, school photos, team photos and the many shots we capture each day with cell-



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phone cameras, we have a wealth of imagery to choose from. But which belong on display? And how can we display it?

Tell your story

Candid shots, rather than

posed portraits, will help visitors to your home understand who you are, says Genevieve Gorder, host and chief designer for the HGTV show, Genevieve's Holiday Home.

Brian Patrick Flynn, editor of decordeemon.com, agrees. "When I fall in love with a photograph, it's 100 per cent of the time because there's a personal link to it."

His favourite is "a family photo that looks like a moment in time was captured."

Think like a photo edi-

tor, Flynn says, paring down your library of images to tell your story. Photos don't have to be flawless, but they have to say something about you.

If you're having professional photos taken, consider hiring a photographer who will capture family members doing activities they love, rather than posing at a studio.

And Flynn's not a fan of everyone dressing alike. "In real life, you don't all wear the same button-down shirt and jeans. So don't do it in a photo."

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► In this kitchen, designed by Brian Patrick Flynn of Decor Demon, the photo backsplash shows how Flynn turns favourite photos into useful design elements.

Public versus private

"The main thing about personal photos is to remember that they're personal," says Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham. "They're not art. They don't take the place of art."

Consider which photos are best in more private spaces of the house, such as bedrooms or an upstairs hallway, and which belong in rooms where you greet

guests, she says.

"Team photos are fun in a kid's room, on a bookshelf, to watch how they grew over time," Burnham says. "But those are never the best photos of any of us, nor the most interesting. Let friends look at something that's going to pique their curiosity or make them comment."

Technology is your friend

"Oftentimes we're not the best of photographers," Gordor says. "But with all the tools we have, it's really easy to make (poor photos) into something great," she says. "Scan them, tweak them, crop them in a way that's non-symmetrical."

You can also crop to emphasize key elements. In many personal photos, "only 30 per cent shows people; the rest is background

and sky," says Flynn, so faces can't be seen unless you're up close.

Technology also allows you to create new items out of your favourite photos, including customized coffee-table books from sites like Shutterfly.com. Flynn sometimes makes photo murals for clients — a single image blown up to nearly wall-size and printed on the sort of vinyl used to make billboards.

Look through your collection of photos "and find that one image — it could even be a still life of your grandmother's purse sitting on a counter in a childhood home. That tells a story," Flynn says.

"Once you find the photo, contact your local digital printer and get an estimate on how much it would cost to have a gigantic vinyl print done, and get estimates of what it would cost to install," he says. "It can completely kick-start the design of a house and its mood."

Create a gallery

A collection of photos can be a perfect way to decorate hallways and staircases.

"Make a statement by choosing one big wall for an enormous gallery



► A group of photos in different types of frames can be a perfect way to decorate a wall and make a statement, as shown in this photo released by HGTV.

grouping and mixing up, say, 20 different framed photos from throughout the years, some in really thick, traditional baroque gold frames, some ultra-modern stainless steel, others lacquered bamboo," Flynn says.

Keep things close enough together that they're clearly part of a set. "People sometimes stagger them with huge gaps in between and you don't know if it's a collection or not."

Collections of framed photos also look great on a side table or piano. On a flat surface, be sure to vary

heights, maybe mixing in a vase or other tall objects. If you prefer only minimal contrast in frames, you can combine ones in similar colours or textures, says Burnham. Silver frames in different sizes, some simple and others ornate, can work well together.

All three designers urge choosing photos that celebrate what matters to you, and displaying them where you'll enjoy them most. "It's what moves you," Burnham says. "If you love something, it's gonna work."

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Tearing down those walls

► Owners of older-style houses want the flexibility of an open plan and they're demolishing walls to get it

If your home was built within the last decade, odds are it was designed with an open plan. The kitchen flows seamlessly into the family room, and few walls separate the living and dining areas.

But what if your home is a bit older? In the '70s and '80s, houses were built with a separate living room, separate small dining area and a kitchen walled off from the rest, says Ellen Goode, professor of interior design at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Phrases like "formal dining room" and "breakfast nook" were selling points.

Today, many owners of those houses want the flexibility of an open plan and are knocking down walls to get it.

Kitchens are frequently merged with other rooms to create a larger, more inviting family area.

"The kitchen is the hub of the household," says Paul J. Zuch, president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. "Kids are doing homework ... mom wants to keep an eye on the kids when they're on the Internet." Also, busy families are trying to spend time together when they're home.

Another reason walls in older homes are coming down is because beds, sofas and other possessions are larger than they were a generation ago, says Dorcas Helfant, past president of the National Association of Realtors.

"We want big screens," she says, "and we need space to sit back far enough from the screen."

Knocking down a wall may seem pretty easy, and it can be. But doing the demolition and rebuilding, and figuring out how to decorate the new combined space, can be complicated, says Vern Yip, designer for HGTV's Urban Oasis.

Planning is vital, he says. And as potential DIY projects go, this one is best left to a professional.

Challenges and costs

Demolishing a wall doesn't have to be expensive or complicated, assuming nothing is hidden inside. But it's likely there is some mix of electrical wiring, heating ducts, plumbing, even sewer and gas lines snaking through the wall's interior.

Those items will need to be rerouted. And new electrical outlets will need to be installed elsewhere,

perhaps in the floor, to make up for any that are removed.

Another potential cost: Walls originally built before 1978 probably have a base layer of lead paint. Even if they've been repainted since then, the removal must be done in compliance with safety guidelines. A certified remodeller can test for lead, Zuch says, and remove it properly.

A load-bearing wall (which kitchen walls often are) will have to be replaced with architectural columns or some other type of support. So it's wise to have the wall assessed by an expert before doing any demolition.

Design implications

From a design perspective, knocking down a wall brings opportunity and a few hurdles.



► This photo released by Interworks LLC and Designer's Edge shows a remodeled home that includes a more open floor plan.

"A home always seems much larger with fewer walls, even though you haven't expanded your exterior envelope," says Yip. "You open the possibility of more natural light pouring into parts that previously couldn't access



► This photo released by Master Craft Installations shows a remodeled home where columns are the only separators between the kitchen and living room.

natural light."

But once a wall is down, "you don't have Space A separated from Space B, so it all needs to work together," he says. A kitchen and family room may both need to be redecorated if they're now connected.

Furniture can be used to delineate specific areas, but homeowners may not know how to accomplish that. "I see this all the time: I don't know where to put my sofa, don't know where

to put my TV, because you've removed all your interior walls," says Yip.

Goode says partial-height walls or standing screens can help avoid a barn-like feeling and make areas more distinct.

One strategy Yip likes: "Lay out your furniture as if you've already removed the wall, or sketch out a space-plan on a piece of paper so you actually know this is going to work for you." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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There's still a lot of confusion about how the Harmonized Sales Tax applies to resale homes and the sale of new homes.

It's frustrating when well-intentioned organizations set out to eliminate confusion and end up raising more questions than they answer, but that's how I feel about the Ontario Real Estate Association's efforts to clarify the situation with respect to the Harmonized Sales Tax on resale homes.

Last week, OREA released a poll showing that 56 per cent of Ontarians mistakenly believe that the HST applies to the

full purchase price of a resale home. In its news release, OREA states "in fact, the HST is only levied on the various transaction fees associated with the purchase of a home that has been previously occupied (i.e., not a newly built-home)."

This statement creates the same false impression with respect to new homes that OREA was seeking to dispel with respect to resale homes.

The blanket implication ignores the fact that the

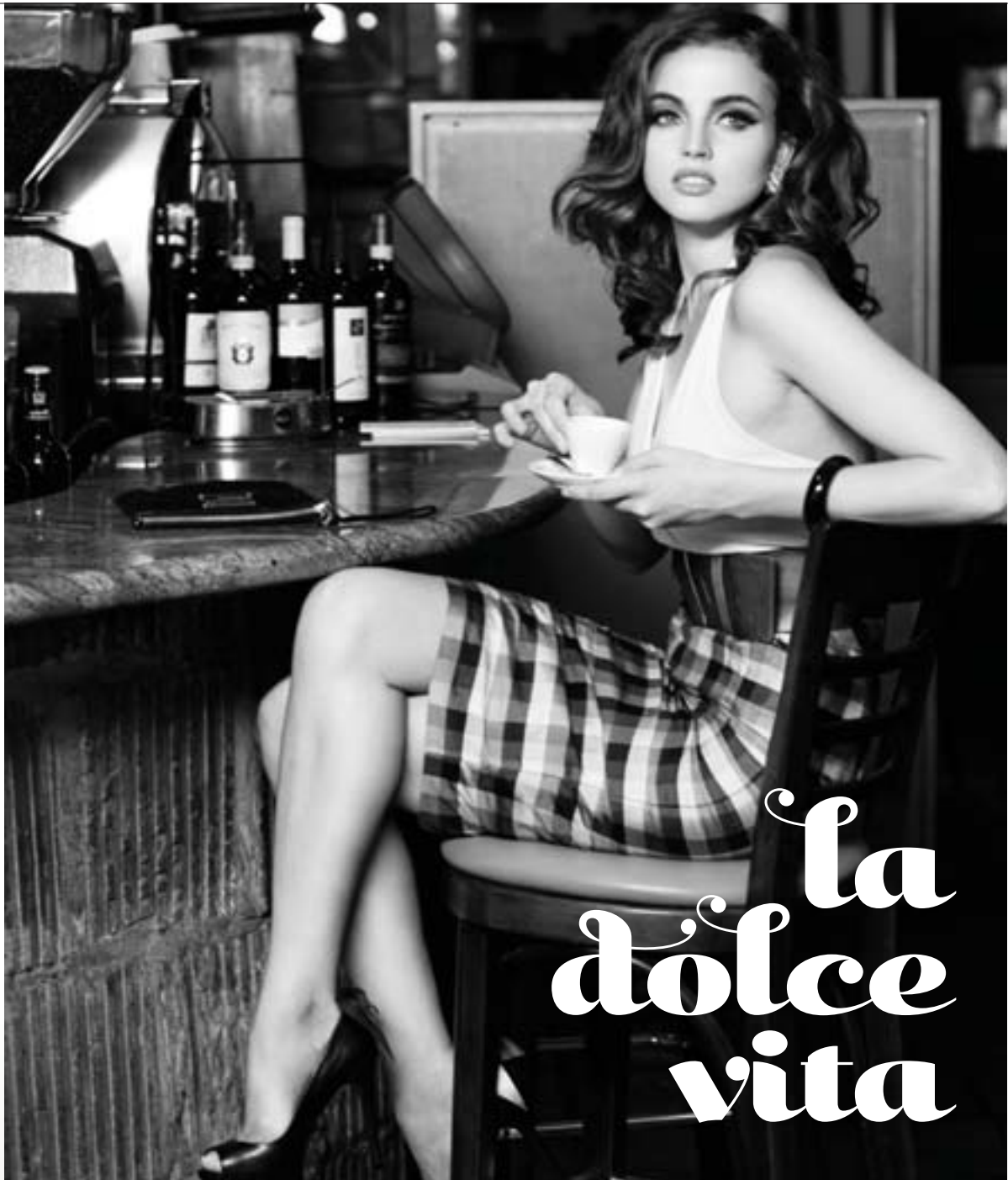
75 per cent provincial HST rebate on the first \$400,000 of the price of a new home, combined with the new input tax credits, means that new home buyers are no worse off today than prior to the HST.

Would-be new home buyers should keep in mind that on new homes priced above \$400,000, the HST only applies on the increment, not the whole house price, and that the maximum \$24,000 rebate applies regardless of the price of the new home be-

ing purchased.

I'm not running for president of the HST fan club, but it's important for new home buyers to understand the huge concessions made by the provincial government to ensure that the HST did not undermine housing affordability and choice.

My advice to homebuyers is to compare new homes to resales on a bottom-line basis, taking into account taxes as well as commissions.



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proved mortgage and even find a few key furnishings for your new home. Here are seven ways to put it all at your fingertips:

1. Search for properties, view photographs, descriptions and maps, take 3D virtual tours of homes and find neighbourhood services and amenities at web-

sites such as www.MLS.ca.

2. Find a real estate agent online through Canadian real estate websites including www.royalpage.ca.

3. Research mortgage rates from key lenders and apply for a pre-approved mortgage online. Real estate company websites

provide tips on organizing your finances, mortgage calculators, answers to mortgage-related questions and web applications with affiliated Canadian financial institutions.

4. Use the Internet to get an estimate on the cost of moving. Many real estate sites offer tips on or-

ganizing a flawless move and web forms to arrange for a free moving estimate.

5. Use personal organizer software to keep track and alert you of important events, such as open houses, appointments with your bank, closing day and moving day.

6. Use home-finance

software to budget for your move.

7. With room dimensions in hand, visit websites from furniture and appliance manufacturers and retailers to research and plan for those key pieces you'll need in your new home.

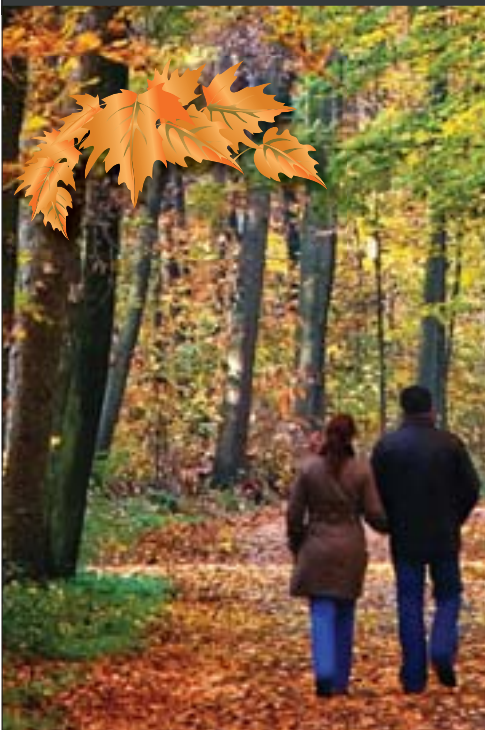
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We are in the fortunate position of having saved a bit of money and would like to consider perhaps buying a winter vacation spot down south somewhere. What would you advise on how to go about this process?

Congratulations on your diligent savings and your ability to consider foreign property investment. While I'm not an expert when it comes to buying property outside of our jurisdiction, I do know enough to say that you have a big learning curve ahead of you.

Perhaps the most important thing is to examine where you would like to purchase. It should be somewhere that you feel comfortable and safe.

For example, although I'm sure that Mexico is a fairly safe destination, with recent events you

might want to reconsider such a choice.

From a legal perspective, you could not find a more information-driven question. Each country and location has different laws.

In some southern destinations, you cannot buy directly on the beach as they are protected.

In other countries, there are restrictions on foreign ownership of property. Some countries require that property is held by a trust or corporation.

The difference in laws is as varied as the locations.

The best advice I can give you is to obtain the assistance of a well-regarded real estate practitioner.

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All builders of new homes and condominiums in Ontario are required by Tarion Warranty Corporation to conduct a PDI with their customers prior to a home's date of possession. Tarion is a private corporation that protects home buyers according to the terms of the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act, which requires that builders provide warranty coverage on every new home built in the province.

"The PDI is an impor-

tant starting-off point in the new home warranty process," according to Carol Metcalfe, Director of Claims at Tarion. "Most builders are committed to constructing a quality product, but today's new homes are large and complex, made up of many different systems and components. The PDI therefore provides homeowners with a prime opportunity for assessing a home's overall workmanship and features."

The PDI takes place when your new home is ready for occupancy, making it the first opportunity to view your completed home and assess its condition before you take possession. During the PDI, you and/or an individual you select to attend (your designate) will be given the opportunity to examine the interior and exterior of the home with your

builder or your builder's representative present. The objective of this inspection is to make a written record of all items that are incomplete, damaged, missing, inaccessible or not operating properly.

It is the builder's responsibility to explain how the various systems in your home work – including the heating, electrical, plumbing and air conditioning – thus making the PDI a good opportunity for your builder to go through them with you. It is very important that you understand how to operate your home's systems because not using them properly could affect your warranty coverage.

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counter tops, damage to floors or walls, and doors and windows that are not secure or do not open and close easily. Outside they should check things like the quality of brickwork and siding, whether win-

down screens have been installed, and the appearance of the driveway and landscaping.

Additional information on the PDI, including a complete list of things to look for during the inspec-

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ganized to suit your families' needs. According to an Ipsos ASI survey, the majority of Canadians (76 per cent) claim they've tried to organize their garage with-

in the past year, but only seven per cent admit that it is truly organized.

Here are a few ideas on how to make your garage work harder for you this fall and winter.

Chilling out

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Embrace the seasons

Consider rotating seasonal equipment for quick access to ensure the snow shovel and salt for the walkway are easy to find when you need them in winter — and your gardening tools and gloves are front and centre when spring rolls around. You can find more ideas online at www.gladiatorgw.com.

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Compost piles are not just for vegetables

Pity the beginning gardener who dares to read about composting. (Please dare to read on, in this case, even if you are a beginner.)

What novice would not be intimidated by the often complicated instructions, as well as alleged needs for exotic or hard-to-find ingredients.

Some British gardening books, for example, might have you tossing in your pitchfork and gloves in despair trying to find — of all things! — soil for your compost pile. Many British "authorities" recommend laying down a 2.5-to-five-centimetre blanket after every 30 centimetres or so of other ingredients. Where are you going to find all that soil?

Soil is a nice, but not necessary, addition to a compost pile. Rather than those layers, just add sprinklings of soil to your compost piles. Or none at all. The directives most



▶ A thermometer in a compost pile.

likely to persuade a beginner to abandon composting are those telling us not to compost diseased plants or plant parts. The same could be said for warnings against composting plants or plant parts harbouring insect pests. Is any of this possible or desirable?

Unless you regularly douse your property with a slew of insecticides and fungicides, you are unlikely to find much plant material that does not host some insect or disease pest. That's if you looked closely enough. You might find a clean leaf here and there, but nothing in quantity, and surely nothing worth picking through.

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The GastroPub Cookbook defines a gastropub as “a place in which you can have a drink, but which also serves great food.”

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Beef brisket in a slow cooker



Ingredients :

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 beef brisket
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion diced
- 1 kg (2 lb) potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-cm (3/4-inch) cubes
- 500 g (1 lb) parsnips, peeled and cut into 5 mm (1/4-inch) slices
- 500 (1 lb) carrots, peeled and cut into 0.5 cm slices
- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine
- 250 ml (1 cup) beef broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) tomato paste
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried thyme
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried rosemary
- 2 whole bay leaves

Preparation:

- 1** In a large skillet on stovetop, heat oil until hot. Season brisket with salt and pepper. Place garlic and onion in pan. Brown brisket for 2 to 3 minutes per side.
- 2** Transfer into stoneware in slow cooker base. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Cover, cook on low for 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 hours or until meat is cooked through.

- 3** Remove bay leaves before slicing and serving. Makes 6

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Leafs prove their point

► With captain out, team battles back from 3-1 deficit to take lead, before falling in shootout ► Kulemin, Brown, Versteeg, Bozak score for Leafs



► Colton Orr fights with Washington's D.J. King last night.

The Maple Leafs lost their C but they earned themselves an A for effort in Washington last night.

They just couldn't get the W, dropping a 5-4 decision in a shootout.

Alexander Ovechkin and Alexander Semin scored the only goals in the penalty shot contest to give the Capitals the win.

In their first game after captain Dion Phaneuf was shelved for at least a month with a deep laceration to his left leg, Toronto showed admirable resilience and a rediscovered scoring touch.

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a new shutdown defensive pairing of Mike Komisarek and Francois Beauchemin, they battled back from a 3-1 deficit at the start of the third to briefly take a 4-3 lead.

Semin eventually tied the game on a power play to force overtime but the Leafs had made their point. Even without two

key pieces — Colby Armstrong remains out with a finger injury — and playing for a second consecutive night, they refused to roll over against one of the powerhouse teams in the Eastern Conference.

The Leafs did not look like a team struggling with any kind of emotional fragility; one that had won only once in its previous seven while scoring only nine times over that stretch. The offensively challenged squad scored two quick goals early in the third to tie the game at 3-3.

The first was from a

Tomas Kaberle wrist shot that Mike Brown tipped in.

Then Kris Versteeg, moved to centre for the game, scored on a breakaway, taking a lead pass from Komisarek after Washington's Mike Green turned the puck over at the Toronto blue-line.

That set the stage for Tyler Bozak to give Toronto the lead, just over seven minutes into the third, on a power play. He grabbed the rebound of a Kaberle shot and swept it around Caps goaltender Michal Neuvirth.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Injury will cost Phaneuf at least a month

Toronto Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf is out four to six weeks after surgery to repair a "significant" cut on his left leg.

The 25-year-old defenceman was injured in the second period of Tuesday's 3-2 loss to Ottawa when he got tangled up awkwardly with Senators forward Peter Regin.

Phaneuf needed assistance to get to the team's dressing room and had surgery later that night, the team said in a release yesterday.

The injury came shortly after Leafs GM Brian Burke met with reporters during the first intermission to express his disappointment with fans who booed Phaneuf during a 2-0 loss to the Rangers Saturday.

Phaneuf has four assists and a minus-6 rating in 11 games this season.

The Maple Leafs recalled defenceman Korbrian Holzer from the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League.

In eight games with the Marlies, Holzer has no points and 17 penalty minutes.

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THE VOICE OF THE PLAYERS

CFL players don't have a voice in who gets selected for the league's annual player awards, but a new poll by The Sports Network asked the guys inside the jerseys for their opinion in several unique award categories with some interesting results.

TSN polled some 200 players to single out CFLers in some quirky and controversial categories — hardest hitter, worst (or best) trash talker, etc. Not surprisingly, ancient Montreal QB Anthony Calvillo is the league's most valuable player in the opinion of 37 per cent of the league.

Calvillo, 38, has won two Grey Cups and despite age and a relatively weak arm, tends to make fools of opposing defences with his ability to execute and deliver under pressure.

He's also the most respected player, claiming 47 per cent of the vote in that category. He could surpass the 5,000-yard mark in passing this season for the sixth time in his career and has thrown for 32 touchdowns in 2010.

STRONGEST ARM

Calgary's Henry Burris might not be the most respected QB, but without a doubt he owns the strongest arm.

Legend has it Burris, while in Chicago Bears camp a few years ago, stood

in during training camp for a broken punting machine by hurling long bombs downfield for special teams returners.

Since coming back to Canada from the NFL in 2003, Burris has posted seven straight seasons of more than 4,000 yards passing and could finally claim CFL Most Outstanding Player award during Grey Cup week.

MOST UNDERRATED

Hamilton QB Kevin Glenn brought the Tabbies back to respectability this season. Glenn was released by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 2008 and you have to think the hapless Blue Bunglers would love to have Glenn back in the Peg.

MOST RELIABLE RECEIVER

Montreal's Ben Cahoon defines reliability by becoming the CFL's all-time leading receiver this season. The lifetime Alouette was selected by 25 per cent of CFL players as having the surest hands.

TRASH TALKER

Dwight Anderson of the Calgary

Stampeders is not only a solid defensive back, he's got a mouth that just won't quit.

Anderson received 37 per cent of the votes as league's yappiest player.

ARGO TRIFECTA

The Toronto Argonauts had three players recognized for their various abilities on the field, led by the biggest threat to score from anywhere on the field, Chad Owens. Owens is just the fifth player in CFL history to reach 1,000 yards in punt returns and kick returns and leads the league in combined yardage. Double Blue running back Cory Boyd was named toughest player in the league by close to 10 per cent of the players surveyed.

As for nasty dudes, Argonauts offensive lineman Rob Murphy is recognized (but not respected) by receiving 15 per cent of the vote.

HARDEST HITTER

B.C. Lions rookie Solomon Elimimi earned 28 per cent of the vote, leaving his mark on opposing players in his first season in the CFL.



▶ Shortstop prospect Adeiny Hechavarria was signed by the Blue Jays earlier this year.

Jays GM fine with 'taking chances'

Alex Anthopoulos can pinpoint the exact moment his mindset as general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays changed.

The instant when the "light bulb went off" came during a conversation with Cincinnati Reds GM Walt Jocketty during spring training in March.

Anthopoulos was digesting the decision to give Cuban shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria \$10 million US over four years. Weeks earlier, Jocketty had outbid Anthopoulos for another Cuban, left-hander Aroldis Chapman, and praised him for accepting the risk in signing Hechavarria.

"He said, 'That's how you're going to get better, you're going to get better if you take a shot, you're going to have to take a shot at times,'" Anthopoulos recalled during a recent interview.

"I looked back at my off-

"Even though we made trades (last off-season) ... I still felt like I could have been more aggressive, I could have been a little bit more daring."

ALEX ANTHOPOULOS, JAYS GM

season, trade talks, dialogue ... and I just found myself being so much more conservative than I needed to be or wanted to be."

The main takeaway for Anthopoulos as he heads into his second off-season as GM is that while risk shouldn't be embraced recklessly, it's OK to swing and miss once in a while if the potential reward is worthwhile.

Since he believes playing it safe won't help the Blue Jays overcome the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays,

they must find other ways to close the gap in the American League East, and taking more calculated gambles is one way to accomplish that.

"If we're going to do what everyone else is going to do in this division, we have no chance of getting better," said Anthopoulos. "If it's the easy decision and everything lines up, the I's are dotted and T's are crossed, well everyone is going to look to do it and you're probably not going to be able to do what you want to do.

"We're going to have take chances at times and make moves that may open us for criticism, but we also have to look at the upside of the moves. They may backfire and may not work, but if they hit, we're going to do really well.

"And that's how we're going to get better."

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TFC hire Klinsmann as adviser



Four years and 54 losses after joining MLS, Toronto FC is still floundering on the field.

So the league's first Canadian franchise has turned to former German

coach and star player Jürgen Klinsmann to find its identity. The MLS franchise, owned by Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, confirmed yesterday it had hired the California-based Klinsmann and his company SoccerSolutions

as advisers "as the club reorganizes its soccer infrastructure."

"It's going to be something that I'm looking forward to and, in fact, I wish we had done it four or five years ago," Tom Anselmi, MLSE's executive vice-president and chief operating officer, said in an interview.

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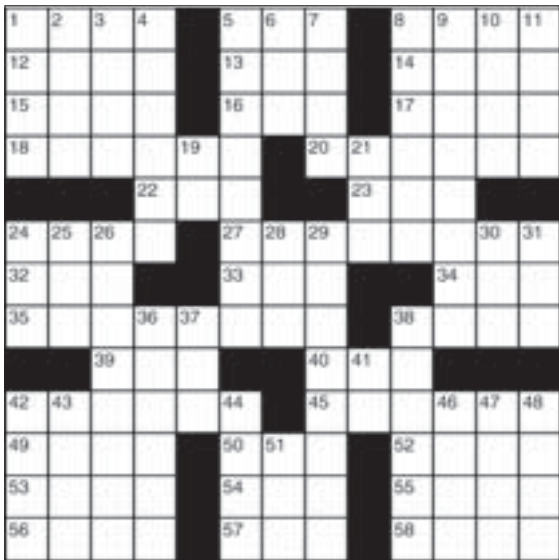


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- 12 Tied
- 13 Skedaddle
- 14 Head light?
- 15 Forbidden act
- 16 Venusian vessel
- 17 Grandson of Eve
- 18 False
- 20 Razor inserts
- 22 Donkey
- 23 "Monty Python" opener
- 24 Hesitate
- 27 Branch
- 32 Yoko of music
- 33 Larry's pal
- 34 Long March leader
- 35 Slender cigar
- 38 Nil
- 39 Greek vowel
- 40 Shad product
- 42 Buckle or button
- 45 Grab
- 49 Reed instrument
- 50 In olden times
- 52 Traditional tales
- 53 Charitable donations
- 54 Energy
- 55 Exam format
- 56 Encounter
- 57 Away from WSW
- 58 Office part-timer



- 6 "— Wiedersehen"
- 7 Uppity one
- 8 Scabbard
- 9 Nice-looking
- 10 Lotion additive
- 11 Rolling stone's lack
- 19 "People" rival
- 21 Fleur-de—
- 24 Jazz style
- 25 Literary collection
- 26 Isolated, and feeling it
- 28 Page no.
- 29 Arousing terror
- 30 Rowing need
- 31 Excessively
- 36 Swear (to)
- 37 Menlo Park monogram
- 38 Enthusiast, plus
- 41 Broadcasting
- 42 Lather
- 43 Competent
- 44 Church section
- 46 Ripped
- 47 Pull an all-nighter
- 48 Succor
- 51 Tonic mate

► **Yesterday's answer**



Down

- 1 Carte
- 2 Stratford's river
- 3 Landlord's due
- 4 Parka
- 5 Macabre

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
There is no reason to be too suspicious if someone makes you an offer today because the planets suggest they are on the level.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Set your sights high today and keep them high right through tomorrow and the weekend. Some may say your goals are too tough but once you get started, your Taurus drive and determination will see you through to success.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The most important thing today is that you stick with the task you are working on. Don't let other people tempt you off in a different direction. It's all about focus.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you ask for assistance you will be surprised how many people come running to help you. The reason is that you have helped them many times in the past.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
Nothing in life happens by chance — each and every event is caught up in the great web of cause and effect. Bear that thought in mind today when a seemingly random event threatens to spoil your day.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You may find it hard to be forceful today but that's okay because with Mercury, your ruler, on good terms with Jupiter, planet of joviality, the only thing you need more of in your life is fun.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
There is more than one way to get your point across and if for some reason you don't get the chance to speak today you can still let others know how you feel by the look in your eye.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You seem to have the knack of doing the right thing in the right way at the right time, thanks to the Sun in your sign.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Communications planet Mercury makes a perfect link to your ruler Jupiter today, so even the most tongue-tied Sag will get along with just about everyone. One individual may be a bit unforthcoming but don't waste your time worrying about them.

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

► **Yesterday's answer**

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